

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1           1.       A method for facilitating access of a network service associated with a  
2   local device, comprising the steps of:  
3           obtaining an address of the network service from the local device via a direct  
4   connection; and  
5           facilitating designation of the network service address as a default destination  
6   such that a user browser can be redirected directly to the network service when an  
7   appropriate command is received.

1           2.       The method of claim 1, wherein the step of obtaining an address  
2   comprises receiving a URL of the network service from the local printing device.

1           3.       The method of claim 2, wherein the network service comprises a web  
2   site.

1           4.       The method of claim 1, wherein the step of facilitating designation of  
2   the network service address as a default destination comprises maintaining a record of  
3   a current default destination with an imaging extension.

1           5.       The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of providing  
2   content downloaded into the user browser with the network service address after an  
3   appropriate command has been received.

1           6.       The method of claim 1, wherein the step of facilitating designation of  
2       the network service address as a default destination comprises instructing a personal  
3       imaging repository to designate the network service address as the default destination.

1           7.       The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of accessing the  
2       network service address from the personal imaging repository after an appropriate  
3       command has been received.

1           8.       The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of first detecting a  
2       direct connection between a client device and the local device.

1           9.       The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of removing the  
2       designation of the service address as a default destination when the direct connection  
3       is severed.

1           10.      A system for facilitating access of a network service associated with a  
2       local device, comprising:

3               means for obtaining an address of the network service from the local device  
4       via a direct connection; and

5               means for facilitating designation of the network service address as a default  
6       destination such that a user browser is redirected directly to the network service when  
7       an appropriate command is received.

1           11.     The system of claim 10, wherein the means for obtaining an address  
2     comprise means for receiving a URL of the network service from the local device.

1           12.     The system of claim 10, wherein the means for facilitating designation  
2     of the network service address as a default destination comprise an imaging extension  
3     of the user browser.

1           13.     The system of claim 10, wherein the means for facilitating designation  
2     of the network service address as a default destination comprise a direct connection  
3     manager of a client device used to connect with the local device.

1           14.     The system of claim 10, further comprising means for detecting direct  
2     connection between a client device and the local device.

1           15.     An imaging extension stored on a computer-readable medium,  
2     comprising:  
3             logic configured detect when a client device is directly connected to a local  
4     device;  
5             logic configured to obtain an address of a network service associated with the  
6     local device via the direct connection; and  
7             logic configured to designate the network service address as a default  
8     destination.

1           16.     The imaging extension of claim 15, further comprising logic  
2     configured to remove the designation of the network service address as the default  
3     destination.

1           17.     The imaging extension of claim 15, wherein the extension comprises  
2     part of a user browser that executes on the client device.

1           18.     A direct connection manager stored on a computer-readable medium,  
2     comprising:  
3             logic configured detect when a client device is directly connected to a local  
4     device;  
5             logic configured to obtain an address of a network service associated with the  
6     local device via the direct connection; and  
7             logic configured to instruct a user personal imaging repository to designate the  
8     network service address as a default destination.

1           19.     The manager of claim 18, further comprising logic configured to  
2     instruct the personal imaging repository to remove the designation of the network  
3     service address as the default destination.